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## NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

## PART I.

- This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 8/01/97
- All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- The allowed claims are 8-9, 24-27, 29-31, 33, 35, 40-43, 46, 53-60, 62-63 & 65-167
- The drawings filed on 11-15-96 are acceptable.
- Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [...] been received. [...] not been received. [...] been filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

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  - The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

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## Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL- 413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

\* THE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED AS FOLLOWS:

1-13, 86, 109, 14-20, 111, 112, 21-36, 21-85, & 87-129 respectively.

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3 BON-3338	606-232.000	S68	UTILITY	YES	\$660.00	01/02/98

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